

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

Please amend claim 4 as indicated below.

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously Presented) Clip according to Claim 4, characterized by the fact that, both in the relaxed state of the clip and in a state with a clamped stack of sheets, both limbs (6) are arranged on top of each other and parallel to each other by means of a spring (7).
3. (Previously Presented) Clip according to Claim 4, characterized by the fact that it is made to be multipart, with both limbs (6) being connected by means of a spring (7) without making mutual contact.
4. (Currently Amended) A clip for clamping sheets of paper, plastic, metal, and other materials at the sheet corners or sides, the clip comprising:
two limbs (1, 1a, 1b); and
a pre-tensioned back (2) configured to apply a force to the limbs;

where the clip is configured to be U-shaped with the limbs parallel to each other in a relaxed state; each limb including a small inward fold (3) of less than 90 degrees (3a), each inward fold defining a fold line; the fold line being disposed at an acute angle (4a) with respect to the back, or the fold being disposed at the region of each limb furthest from the back (8); the clip is configured so that the sheets may be clamped between the limbs by virtue of the compressive force applied by the pre-tensioned back; and the clip comprises metal or high-strength plastic or wood or compressed cellulose.

5. (Previously Presented) Clip according to claim 4, characterized by the fact that the clip is made to be multipart.

6. (Previously Presented) Clip according to claim 4, characterized by the fact that each limb is triangular, trapezoidal, semicircular, or semielliptical.

7. (Previously Presented) Clip, according to claim 4, characterized by the fact that sheets may be clamped between the limbs by virtue of the force applied by the pre-tensioned back in combination with projections incorporated into the limbs.

8. (Previously Presented) A clip for clamping sheets of paper, plastic, metal, and other materials at the sheet corners or sides, the clip comprising:
two limbs (1, 1a, 1b); and
a pre-tensioned back (2) configured to apply a force to the limbs;

where the clip is configured to be U-shaped with the limbs parallel to each other in a relaxed state; each limb including a small inward fold (3) of less than 90 degrees (3a), each inward fold defining a fold line; the fold line being disposed at an acute angle (4a) with respect to the back; the clip is configured so that the sheets may be clamped between the limbs by virtue of the force applied by the pre-tensioned back; and the clip comprises metal or high-strength plastic or wood or compressed cellulose.